

Minutes of Meeting
Health Services Council
Project Review Committee-I

DATE: 11 March 2008

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Committee I: Present: Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Larry Ross

Not Present: Joseph V. Centofanti, MD, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

Excused: Robert S. L. Kinder, MD

Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Loreen Angel, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, Ph.D., Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. The Chairman noted the availability of conflict of interest forms for any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman requested a motion for the extension of time for the availability of minutes pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Flynn, Lapierre, Quigley, Ross.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Kent County Memorial Hospital** [Care New England Health System] to establish a primary angioplasty program to service patients with acute myocardial infarction. Staff reviewed the handouts and the mailing.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the addendum to section 8.2.2 of the Definite Agreement. The applicant addressed the letter from Department of Human Services regarding cost reports and their financial impact on the applicant.

The applicant reviewed their written responses to the Zimmerman Report and stated that adoption of option #1 of the Report is irresponsible when considering the overall issue of accessibility to primary PCI in southern Rhode Island. The applicant stated their preference for option #2 and recommended that the Tertiary Care Advisory Committee continue to monitor the evolving standards for primary and elective PCI. The applicant stated that a new primary PCI program at Kent does make sense for Rhode Island at this time. Additionally, the applicant provided an amended Section 8.2.2 of the Definitive Agreement (Affiliation for Primary PCI Services) with Rhode Island Hospital relative to the provision of professional and supportive services by Rhode Island Hospital to Kent which provides for timeframes, notification, and other actions that will be taken by Kent and Rhode Island Hospital should the agreement be terminated.

The Committee heard testimony from representatives of the Western Coventry Fire District, North Kingstown Fire Department, East Greenwich Fire Department and South Kingstown EMS in support of Kent's application.

The Committee recommended the following condition of approval: *that the applicant shall provide on a quarterly basis, for the first two years of operation, primary angioplasty volume and outcome information.* The applicant agreed.

A motion was made seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and one abstention (6-0-1), to recommend approval of the application subject to conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Flynn, Lapierre, Madden, Quigley, Ross. Those members recusing were: Almeida.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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